

REMARKS

The Decision on Appeal has stated that the rejections of Claims 1-4, 7-18, 21-32, 35-44, and 47-51 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been affirmed. Additionally, the Decision on Appeal has stated that the rejection of Claims 5, 6, 19, 20, 33, 34, 45, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been reversed.

In response to the reversal of the rejection of Claims 5, 6, 19, 20, 33, 34, 45, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), applicant has incorporated former dependent Claim 5 et al. into the independent claims and has rewritten dependent Claim 6 et al. in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAIIP345).

Respectfully submitted,
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